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To the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 21, 2003, kindly note that the amendment filed on December 13, 2002 was an amendment to the arguments (pages 10 and 11 are part of the Remarks) filed on November 18, 2002, "not to the specification or claims".

Therefore no clean version or marked-up version of any replacement paragraphs is required.

Kindly accept and enter the December 13, 2002 amendment.

Respectfully,

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